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MEETING MINUTES¹

Meeting Date: May 25, 2000
Meeting Time: 10:40 A.M.
Meeting Place: State House, 200 W. Washington
St., Room 404
Meeting City: Indianapolis, Indiana
Meeting Number: 1

Members Present: Rep. John Gregg, Chairman; Rep. Paul Mannweiler; Rep. Mark Kruzan; Rep. Dale Grubb; Rep. William Cochran; Rep. Jeffrey Linder; Rep. Richard Mangus; Sen. Robert Garton, Vice-Chairman; Sen. Richard Young; Sen. Harold Wheeler; Sen. Joseph Harrison; Sen. Patricia Miller; Sen. Thomas Wyss; Sen. James Lewis; Sen. Earline Rogers.

Members Absent: Rep. Charlie Brown.

Representative Gregg, Chairman of the Legislative Council, called the meeting to order at 10:40 am, and welcomed the members to the first meeting of the interim. The Chair announced that Representative Brown was excused.

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Legislative Council Subcommittees

The Chairman then asked Mr. Sachtleben, Executive Director of the Legislative Services Agency, to review the proposed membership of the four subcommittees of the Legislative Council. The Chair then announced the subcommittee membership as follows:

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| Personnel | Representative Gregg (Chair); Senator Garton (Vice-Chair); Representative Mannweiler; Senator Young |
| Space Utilization | Representative Grubb (Chair); Senator Wheeler (Vice-Chair); Representative Mangus; Senator Rogers |
| Data Processing | Representative Kruzan (Chair); Senator Harrison (Vice-Chair); Representative Linder; Senator Lewis; Carolyn Tinkle; Lee Smith |
| Legislative Evaluation | Representative Brown (Chair); Senator Miller (Vice-Chair); Representative Linder; Senator Lewis |

LCR 00-1 concerning the establishment of new interim committees and the assignment of study topics to statutory committees

The Chair then asked Mr. Sachtleben to discuss Proposed Legislative Council Resolution (LCR) 00-1. Mr. Sachtleben noted that the Resolution, as proposed, would establish four new interim committees and assign 38 study topics to existing statutory committees or commissions. He noted that the four legislative leaders had agreed to add a charge to the Commission on State Tax and Financing Policy to monitor the implementation of P.L. 6-1997. The Chair then accepted motions to amend LCR 00-1.

Senator Miller moved to remove the Medicaid assignment from the Health Finance Commission and to establish a fifth interim committee on Medicaid which would have the same charge as the expired Select Joint Committee on Medicaid Oversight. Rep. Kruzan seconded this motion which was then adopted by consent.

Senator Wyss then moved to add a study of the federal AIR 21 statute and its implications for Indiana's airports to the State Administration interim committee. This motion was adopted by consent.

Representative Grubb then moved to add a charge to the Commission on Courts concerning the financing and expenses associated with city and town courts. This motion was seconded by Senator Young and then adopted by consent.

Representative Grubb then moved to add a charge to the State Administration interim committee concerning the elimination of continuing education requirements. After a general committee discussion on this subject, Representative Grubb substituted a motion which would have the State Administration committee evaluate the need for continuing education programs for occupations and professions under the control of the Professional Licensing Agency. This motion was adopted by consent.

Senator Rogers then led a discussion concerning the expansion of the proposed assignment to the Child Custody and Support Committee (which as proposed would include child custody, visitation, and age of emancipation as study topics) to include a

study of child support payment calculations. The Council then discussed the present child support formula, which Rep. Linder noted had been adopted as a rule of the Indiana Supreme Court. Senator Garton noted that former Senator Ed Pease had carried the legislation to move this issue to the courts. Rep. Gregg then stated that in his opinion the Legislature had sent this issue to the Judicial Branch of government and that in light of the Court's actions it may now be a violation of the separation of powers for the Legislature to step back in with adjustments of its own. After further committee discussion, Senator Rogers removed this topic from further consideration.

After a brief discussion, the Chair announced that a proposal concerning a study of high speed rail transportation which was sent to the Council by Senator Landske would be left to the discretion of the chairman of the Northwest Indiana Transportation Study Committee.

There being no further amendments, LCR 00-1, as amended, was approved by a roll call vote of 15-0.

LCR 00-2 concerning the rules governing the funding and operations of study committees

The Chair then asked Mr. Sachtleben to discuss LCR 00-2. Mr. Sachtleben reviewed the six changes that this proposed resolution would make to the 1999 rules. These changes were outlined in a memo distributed to Council members.

Senator Wyss inquired about the mechanism for permitting a committee to meet beyond the November 1 deadline. Senator Garton explained that in previous years the Chair and Vice-Chair had the authority to grant extensions, but that this process sometimes became problematical. For that reason the rule was changed in 1999 to give the authority to grant extensions only to the full Council. The Chair noted that if there is an emergency after November 1 the full Legislature could deal with the problem on Organization Day.

Representative Kruzan then stated his objection to the proposed language in SECTION 4 concerning the limitation on the appointment of subcommittees. Representative Kruzan stated that the Legislative Council utilizes four subcommittees and that in his opinion other committees should be able to appoint their own subcommittees to divide up the workload of the committee. Senator Garton noted that the underlying rationale for the limitations on subcommittees was concern for staff resources. The Chair then discussed an option which would permit a committee to form informal subcommittees whose lay members would not receive per diem or mileage and which would not be staffed by the LSA. (Legislative members of such subcommittees would not receive a per diem from the study committee's budget but could request permission to sign a per diem voucher from the Senate or House for such meetings.) This proposal, and the striking of the words "by whatever name denominated" from SECTION 4, was adopted by consent.

There being no further amendments, LCR 00-2, as amended, was adopted by a 15-0 roll call vote.

LCR 00-3: Termination of Legislative Evaluation Committee

Mr. Sachtleben, at the request of the Chair, discussed LCR 00-3 which would terminate the Human Resources and Economic Security Matters Evaluation Committee since the committee had completed its work last year. A motion to adopt LCR 00-3 was approved by consent.

Report on in-house printing of legislative bills during the 2000 session

Mr. Sachtleben discussed the contents of a memo that had been distributed to the members of the Council concerning the \$169,539 cost savings that had resulted from in-house printing this past session and estimates for savings to be expected during the next three legislative sessions. In response to Senator Harrison's question, Mr. Sachtleben noted that the "salary" cost figure included the cost of the LSA in-house printers during the session, and the cost of all of the contractors (including overtime paid to LSA employees) for the photocopying of the bills.

Representatives Linder and Kruzan noted that the House was very pleased with the printing this past session and that the error rate was extremely low.

In-house printing of the Indiana Register

Mr. Sachtleben discussed a proposal that the LSA be assigned the responsibility of printing the monthly Indiana Register which contains all of the proposed and final administrative rules of the executive branch, and various other documents. He noted that the LSA had acquired the capacity to handle mass photocopying as a part of the in-house printing of legislative bills, and that this effort would make additional use of those facilities. In response to Senator Harrison's question, he noted that this proposal would not take effect until the present outside contractor's contract expires on December 31, 2000.

Representative Kruzan moved, and Senator Miller seconded, that the printing of the Indiana Register be assigned to the LSA beginning in January, 2001. This motion was approved by a roll call vote of 12-1.

State Board of Accounts audit of the LSA

The next item of business was a report by Mr. Sachtleben concerning the recently completed two-week audit of the LSA performed by the State Board of Accounts. A copy of the audit results, which found zero exceptions in LSA books and financial accounts, was provided to each member. Mr. Sachtleben recognized the efforts of Ms. Mary Cummins (LSA bookkeeper), Ms. Kathy Tooley (Legislative and Lay member travel bookkeeper) and Mr. Jeff Porter (Manager of the Legislative Information Center) which resulted in this fine audit of the LSA's books, contracts, accounts, and inventory.

Legislative Council and LSA budget request for the next biennium

The Chair then asked Mr. Sachtleben to discuss the proposed Council/LSA budget request for the 2001-03 biennium. Mr. Sachtleben noted that this request entailed a 1% increase over the 1999-01 appropriation. He stated that this relatively low increase was a result of the significant savings that would result from the in-house printing of legislative documents. Finally, he noted that the amounts proposed for the printing of the Indiana Register (\$175,000 each year) could now be reduced by \$60,000 per year in light of the Council's earlier vote to assign this duty to the LSA.

After a brief discussion, a motion to approve the budget request for the Council and the LSA, as detailed in a May 16, 2000 memo (LCR 00-4) to each member of the Council, was adopted by consent.

There being no further business to conduct, the meeting was adjourned at 11:35 am.